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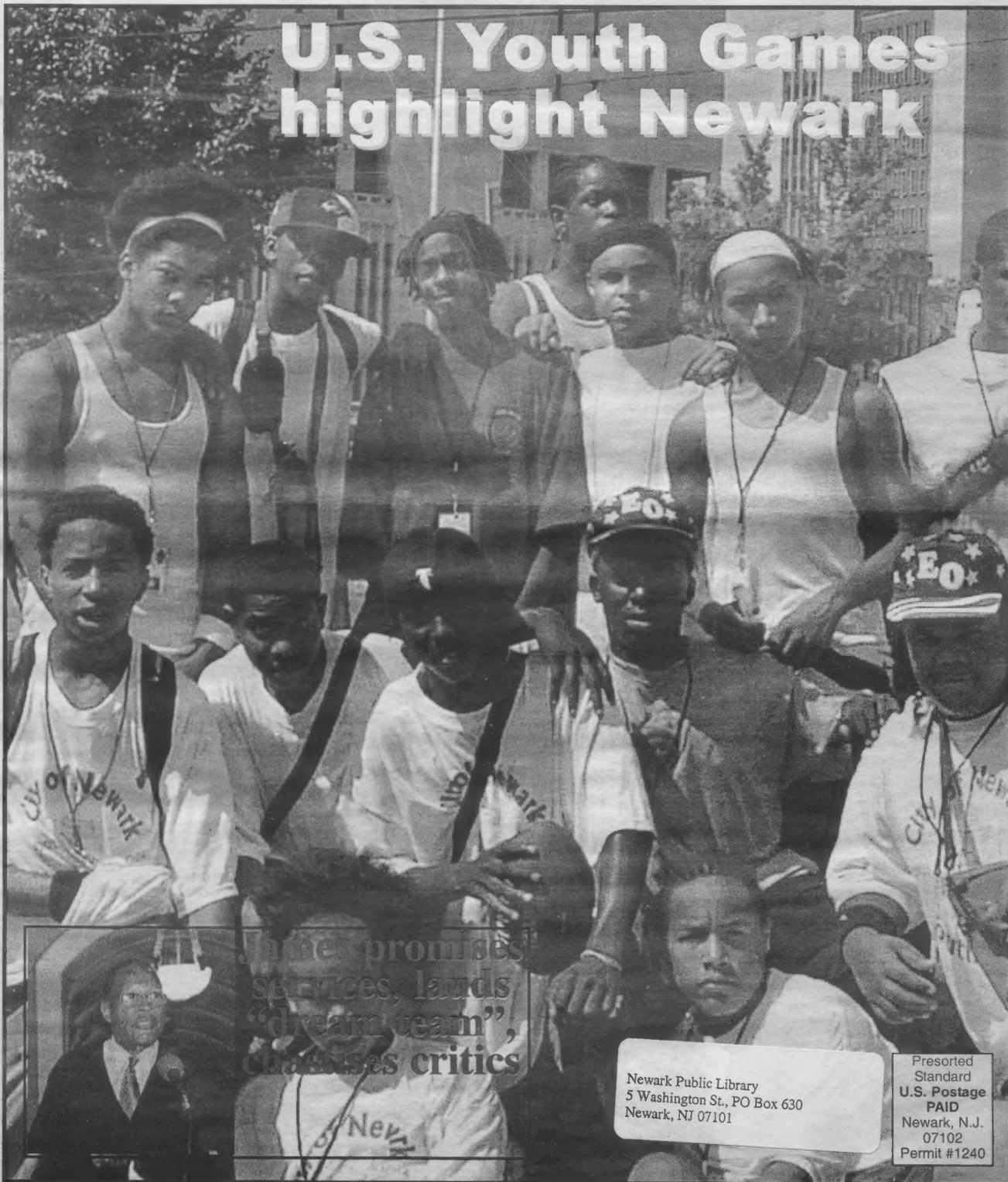
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**Team Newark** — Members of the Newark Police and Fire Department are congratulated by Mayor Sharpe James after participating in the "Today's Heroes" series competition on NBC's Today Show at Rockefeller Center, NY along with seven other municipalities from around the country. Pictured from left to right are Arson Squad Detective Kenneth Douglas; Police Detective Sakinah Cotton; Mayor Sharpe James; Police Officer Matthew Grimmel, and Firefighter Angel Rosario.



**Newark Resident Honored** — Willie Odom of North 6th Street receives a 35 Year Pin and Wristwatch for continuous membership in Local 68 IUOE. From left to right, Thomas P. Giblin, Local 68 IUOE President; Willie Odom; and John Radcliffe, Local 68 Business Representative.



**Rebirth of Princeville** — Members of Congress, local politicians, and citizens celebrate the rebirth of America's oldest slave town. Princeville, NC was settled by slaves in 1885 and has been recently resurrected in the event celebrated as a "National Day of Hope and Renewal" sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). From left to right, Douglas Tanner, Faith In Politics; Joyce Mitchell, staff member of Senator John Edwards; Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC); Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-SC); Rep. David Price (D-NC); and Rep. Eva M. Clayton (D-NC); at the podium Rep. Mel Watt (D-NC).



**Black Film Festival** — Lincoln celebrated black film makers at the 2002 American Black Film Festival in South Beach, Miami. At the kick-off press conference (from left to right), producer/actor Robert Townsend; actor Mehki Phifer; Nicole Conniff, multicultural marketing manager, Lincoln; Jeff Friday, President, Film Life and Festival co-executive producer; Byron Lewis, chairman and CEO, UniWorld Group Inc.; actor Chris Tucker.



**National Urban League** — The Ribbon cutting of the National Urban League Conference held in the Los Angeles Convention Center takes place at Exhibition Hall in the company of (from left to right) Greg Stubbefield, Enterprise Rent A Car; Gregory Jones, V.P. California, State Farm Insurance Company; Hugh Price, President, National Urban League; Colonel Rod Davis, United States Army; John Mack, President, Los Angeles Urban League; Charles Smith, President & CEO, SBC Pacific Bell; and Richard Hartnack, Chairman, Los Angeles Urban League.

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## Curious Observer ?

Fairfield residents have endorsed a non-binding referendum on building a new arena in Newark, because as one said, "by moving it into Newark that's going to deter some people from going in ... only because of transportation reasons". Read my lips people: NJ Transit, Amtrak, Newark Airport, PATH, Routes 280, 1, 9, 78, 22, 21, Garden State Parkway, I-95. I imagine that if these same people learned that heaven will be in Newark, they will opt to spend eternity in the other place.

The City of Keansburg cancelled a public hearing on racially charged statements made by the police chief because too many people planned to attend. So much for open, responsible government in that community.

The seven members of the Camden City Council unanimously agreed to seek to offer a Parental Choice program, including private school vouchers, to the city's public school students. No other municipal governing body in New Jersey has made this request. Will this hurt or help public education?

Where are the minority contractors and laborers working during the building or expansion of highways, hospitals, schools, housing and other publicly funded projects? The answer sadly: Not often enough in New Jersey.

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## Briefs

### PREJUDICE ON THE JOB STILL EXISTS

NEWARK — While substantial progress has been made over the past several years for women and minorities in corporate America, discrimination still remains a significant problem at companies, according to a recent study released by two professors at the Rutgers School of Law.

The study, conducted by Alfred W. and Ruth G. Blumrosen, found that nearly two million workers were affected by intentional discrimination in 1999 and about a third of the employers observed are guilty of discriminating against women or minorities.

### HUD \$1K HOMES REBATE OFFERED

WASHINGTON — The Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced that it will issue a \$1,000 check to homebuyers who sign a sales contract on a single-family HUD Home by September 30.

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To qualify, the buyer must agree to live in the property as his or her primary residence for at least 12 months.

### NSU RANKS TOP IN BLACK PH.D.s

FORT LAUDERDALE — Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is the number one producer of African American doctorates in business and education among traditionally white institutions and historically black colleges and universities combined, based on survey results published in Black Issues in Higher Education, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

### NASA GETS BLACK DEPUTY DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate late Thursday confirmed Frederick D. Gregory as NASA Deputy Administrator. The former Associate Administrator for Space Flight, is set to become the agency's first African-American deputy. The Senate will now send the confirmation back to the White House for President Bush's signature.

## Urban League urges President Bush to redirect 'compassion'

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Washington Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (NNPA)—Many Black Americans see President Bush, who calls himself a compassionate conservative, as reserving most of his compassion for conservatives. Hugh Price, president of the National Urban League, has some suggestions for redirecting that misplaced compassion.

In his keynote address at the organization's annual convention in Los Angeles, Price called upon the Bush administration to help broaden America's compassion for the world's poor in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"After a prolonged spell of prosperous self-absorption, we Americans must re-ignite our compassion for the least among us around the world," the civil rights leader says. "We Americans are citizens of the globe, not simply employees and customers of multinational corporations that sell goods and services overseas. No longer can America smugly afford to think of itself as the reigning economic superpower in the world, yet an



Hugh Price, NUL president

island unto itself when it comes to compassion."

Price's speech set a tone for the convention, which covered a variety of civil and human rights issues.

"Mr. President, AIDS already ranks with the bubonic plague in the human toll it has taken around the world," Price said.

The White House also opposes the Kyoto protocol, an international treaty that would impose mandatory reductions in carbon dioxide and other emissions from greenhouse gases, chemicals that cause heat to become trapped in the earth's atmosphere.

"I know you haven't been fiddling Mr. President, but the world is burning due to global warming and AIDS is spreading like wildfire," Price says.

Unlike last year's convention in Washington, where Bush and Price embraced after a speech by Bush, the president did not attend this year.

But, like last year's convention, during which Price said Bush would embarrass the nation by sending a low-level delegate to the World Conference Against Racism, the Urban League continued its aggressive call for compassion on domestic issues. They include the fight against ineffective welfare reform programs and private school vouchers. A study released by the Urban League's Institute for Opportunity and Equality last month says that the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, a centerpiece of welfare reform, distributes funds unequally between whites and people of color.

Price's speech included statements similar to other black leaders this summer who are disappointed with Bush.

## Kenyan youth protest police

By Kathy Salmon  
Special to the NNPA from IPS

NAIROBI, Kenya (IPS)—Hundreds of young Kenyans, furious at the police shooting death of a student, swarmed through downtown recently, bringing traffic to a standstill as bemused office workers lined the streets to watch the noisy procession.

Chanting "No more killings," the students marched to the police headquarters, Vigilance House, where they called for the resignation of police Chief Philemon Abongo. Riot police used tear gas to drive them away. The students also marched to Parliament, demanding that a senior government official come out and address them.

Police used tear gas and live ammunition against the students, according to local media. The riots started when students stoned and set alight cars to protest the killing of David Kimuyu, who was shot by police during a drug raid on a Nairobi campus. Kimuyu was a week away from completing his four-year degree.

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# Editorial

## NJ building project pie big enough for many

Darren Odam, a life long resident recently asked the rhetorical question of "where am I on those construction sites?" as he commented on the building boom that is occurring in parts of New Jersey. "I can't even bring them (the workers) water," Odam said, referring to his non-union status.

A few weeks later more than 100 residents and union members picketed at the demolition site of the Lafayette Gardens Housing Project in Jersey City, where they protested the use of non-union labor.

The two incidents seem to foreshadow what will undoubtedly become a highly contested political issue as the state embarks upon the \$8 billion dollar school construction program, and union and non-union contractors and workers muscle each other for a share of the economic pie.

Last week when Governor McGreevey announced his executive order on Project Labor Agreements, criticism came sharply and swiftly from the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, which called it a "sweet heart deal for unions."

Under the new law the labor commissioner can monitor the impact of the project labor agreements and make the necessary adjustments. We hope that the labor commissioner will review the Port Development Plan developed by a coalition of Port and members of the community.

The Seattle plan removed discrimination, provided targets and goals for the inclusion of minorities, females and others, according to Hamilton V. Bowser, Sr., president of Evanbow Construction Company.

As the economic gap between the haves and the have nots widens, and unemployment continues to skyrocket, small contractors and large contractors will heighten their fight for survival.

It is critical that the Legislature acts fairly and takes steps that will allow those who are often under represented in unions because of past discrimination; and smaller contractors to advance from the usual catch-22 and have an opportunity get a share of this \$8 billion pie.

# Reparations: 19 reasons why they owe us!

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

As we prepare for the Millions For Reparations Rally in Washington, D.C. on August 17, the 115th birthday of Marcus Garvey we should be clear that "they owe us for:

1. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. The UN World Conference Against Racism declared that the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and slavery were crimes against humanity. Crimes against humanity have no statute of limitations.

2. Expropriation of our Labor. For more than 250 years our free labor was a major ingredient in building America. Thousands of whites and their families accumulated wealth that continues to benefit them.

3. Slave Code Laws. The slave owners developed codes of what they could do to enslaved blacks that permeated throughout America. Informal slave codes exist today (racial profiling).

4. Destruction of the African Family. Slavery destroyed and dismantled our families.

5. Raping of African Women. White men raped African women and girls without reprisal.

6. Fugitive Slave Laws. When our ancestors fled plantations, the U.S. government sanctioned policies that supported their capture and return. Read the Dred Scott Decision.

7. Colonizing of Our African Culture. Laws and societal practices forbade us to engage in traditional African spiritual and cultural practices.

8. KKK Night Riders. The KKK murdered thousands of African men, women, and children.

9. The 13th and 14th Constitutional Amendments. The abolishment of slavery was a constitutional scam. We were never asked if we wanted to be American citizens.

10. Denied Our 40 Acres and a Mule. We didn't get it! The land was given to white confederate soldiers.

11. Post Reconstruction Jim Crow Laws. Jim Crow policies reinforced white supremacy every aspect of American society.

12. Fighting and Dying In

Imperialist, White Supremacist Wars. We fought and died for the freedoms of others and were denied our own freedoms and civil rights.

13. Assassination of Black Leaders-Malcolm X, Dr. King, Fred Hampton, and Mark Clark to name a few.

14. COINTELPRO. This was a FBI program designed to destroy the Black Power Movement of the 1960s and 70s.

15. Crack Epidemic. Research reveals the CIA aided in dispensing crack cocaine in black communities.

16. Criminalizing Our Youth. The aim of the Prison Industrial Complex is to criminalize black youth to insure a young and viable work force for this multi-billion-dollar industry.

17. Jailing Freedom Fighters. Freedom Fighters became political prisoners.

18. & 19. Centuries of Miseducation and Mental Atrocities. This has damaged us seriously and continues to cause much mental confusion about our true reality in America and around the world.

## Blackonomics: Economic self-examination required

By James Clingman

As we look back on the events of September 11, 2001, and remember. Most people say the WTC was struck and destroyed by two airliners to prove that the heart of this country's financial and economic systems could be gravely wounded. The WTC represented commerce, unimaginable riches and power, and by showing the world they could destroy those two symbols, or mortally wound everyone.

Well, as we look back, we see that we did receive a terrible wound, one that will take a long time to heal. Although they physically took down the two towers of strength known as the World Trade Center, they did not take down the system they had targeted. But it did not destroy the system; it came back, it rebounded.

As we move closer to the anniversary of that tragic day, we wonder if another attack will come. We wonder if we should hunker down and make plans to cocoon our families during that

anniversary period. I say, put all of those worries aside.

They say organizations and systems are seldom destroyed from the outside; rather than destroyed from within. We are witnesses to that truth as we speak. We see greed at its highest or should I say, lowest point. We see lying, cheating, blaming others, and literally passing the bucks from one account to another, all for the love of money. We see the people who run those companies taking all they can get and leaving their employees and stockholders holding the empty bag. We see the politicians scrambling to at least act like they are concerned about the pervasive greed and deceit that have been running rampant in corporate America.

We see it all today, nearly one-year after the attack on the heart of our economy. We are witnesses to CEO's, board chairmen, and high-ranking executives, who are suppose to be concerned about those of us who pour our hard-earned dollars into their companies.

Well, what are you going to do about

it? Are you going to continue to believe the Martha Stewart's of the world are really your friends because they can make up a bed nice and pretty? Are you going to continue blindly and naively to believe that top corporate execs don't tell their friends and relatives about deals that are about to occur? Are you going to continue to buy the lies and condescension from the politicians? I hope not. I hope we, especially black folks, will finally start to look inward, start to invest in ourselves, start to redirect a greater portion of our money toward our own businesses, start to build even more businesses, start to expand and partner and merge with one another.

If we continue to place our economic salvation in the folks who are running this country, we can forget about advancing economically. They are stealing the country blind. When and if Osama comes calling again, the job of destroying this country will have already been accomplished by our people, from the inside out.

## Costly Miseducation of Our Youth

By Emory Curtis

Over the past years, really decades, these columns have been hand wringers over the state of black children in public schools. The real focus has been on the decline of their academic performance when measured against their peers after the third grade.

The findings parallel those the data in Dr. Kenneth Clark's book, "Dark Ghetto," published in the 1950s. In "Dark Ghetto," he noted that the IQ of students in school rose slightly as they progressed in school. However, with black students there was a visible drop after the third or fourth grade.

Finding a kindergarten or first-grade student eager to learn is easy. It's also easy to find a fifth- or sixth-grade student who turned off on learning, in school. However, things would be different if the home had a positive learning

environment rather than a neutral or negative influence on learning by reading and keeping up with the class in school. If the student doesn't learn to read with comprehension by the third grade, the odds are then stacked against them keeping up. After then, learning to read is over and students then must read to learn.

Sixth grade, on the average, our students are really at fourth grade level. Common sense tells one that if the black students are at the fourth-grade level in the sixth grade, to them, academic competition is an obvious loser.

Black high school graduates, including those from Catholic schools, have averaged less than 1,000 over the past seven years. Only the American Indians have averaged less of the incoming UC freshmen.

That early miseducation of our children is reflected in another sad set of sta-

tistics. For a 50-year stretch from 1922 to 1972, the number of sentenced prisoners per 100,000 population hovered around 100. In that period, our share of prisoners was about equal to our share of the population.

In 1975 that number of prisoners per 100,000 residents took off. That now has risen to about 1,000 prisoners per 100,000 residents. In 1993 the number of black males in jail or prison passed the number of White males for the first time. Black females in lockup passed the number of White females in 1991.

There is a lot of truth to a statement attributed to a sixth century Imam, Albin Abi, "If God were to humiliate a human being, he would deny him knowledge." We are letting the public school system play God and set our children up for humiliation by an early elementary school miseducation.

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# First Baptist CDC selected to join challenging, national ScienceQuest after-school teen mentoring program launch

**SOMERSET** — The First Baptist Community Development Corporation (FBCDC) in Somerset was selected to participate through the Renaissance Education Technology Academy (RETA) in the national launch of ScienceQuest, a unique after school program funded by the National Science Foundation. This program encourages young people (aged 10 to 14) to discover and investigate their questions about science and technology. The program's goal is to foster the next generation of scientists and educators in under-served populations such as minorities, girls, and children with disabilities. Community volunteers and center staff provide youth participants with support, guidance, and mentoring.

Rev. Mercedes Delgado, technology program manager of the FBCDC said "Our middle school-aged kids are at a critical point in their lives where they are looking for activities that are engaging and challenging. We feel that ScienceQuest will utilize our kids' natu-

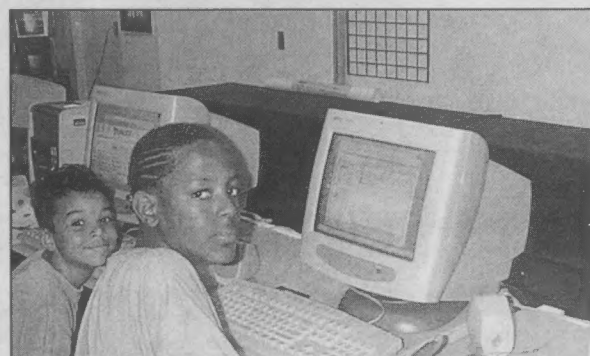
ral curiosity about the world, and teach them valuable skills in technology."

Over the summer and fall, training participants will work with youth in community technology centers to implement ScienceQuest after-school programs. The ScienceQuest teams will lead investigations by conducting

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Rev. Mercedes Delgado  
First Baptist Community  
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research on the Internet, interviewing community members, visiting local science institutions, and reading books and journals. ScienceQuest teams will also document their research by utilizing rich resources in the technology lab such as



Students participate in ScienceQuest program at First Baptist CDC

computers, scanners, digital cameras, and software. Teams will showcase their scientific discoveries by building state-of-the-art Web sites. The result will be a 21st century virtual science fair.

ScienceQuest volunteers and center staff are parents, community members,

and after-school staff who have attended an intensive training in Austin, TX.

At the training, ScienceQuest volunteers and staff met with colleagues from around the country and learned ideas for leading a youth-centered science inquiry process.

## Black mega-bank merger in L.A.

(African American Newswire) LOS ANGELES — Boston Bank of Commerce (BBOC) and Los Angeles-based Family Savings Bank (Family) jointly announced the recent signing of a definitive agreement to merge and create the largest black-owned bank in the country. The merger combines BBOC in Boston, Peoples Bank of Commerce in Miami and Founders Bank of Commerce in Los Angeles with Family Savings Bank. The combined entity with its A-list of celebrity shareholders including NBA Hall of Famer turned businessman Earvin "Magic" Johnson, entertainer Janet Jackson and music executive Jheri Busby has over \$460 million in assets and will continue its mission to be the premier banking institution for urban communities.



Kevin Cohee of BBOC

The merger, which is structured as a cash deal with BBOC acquiring all the stock of Family Savings Bank, was approved by the respective Boards of Directors and is subject to shareholder and regulatory approval.

"With the addition of Family Savings Bank to the Boston Bank of Commerce network of banks, we are realizing our vision of fostering

economic growth and individual opportunity in urban neighborhoods from coast-to-coast by offering affordable financial services to all," said Johnson.

"This merger will serve as a model and source of strength for black businesses as we unite to share resources and expertise," stated Kevin Cohee, Chairman & CEO of BBOC. "Our focus on growth and profitability through partnerships will ensure that critical capital is available to urban communities across the nation."

The BBOC Board of Directors will continue to manage the combined entity, led by Kevin Cohee, Chairman & CEO and Kenneth T. Lombard, Vice Chairman of BBOC and President of Johnson Development Corporation and Magic Johnson Theatres. The Board of Family Savings Bank will be retained.

"We believe the combination will enable Family and BBOC to better fulfill our commitment to serve our respective communities," stated Dr. Clyde Oden, Chairman of Family Savings Bank. "We were able to fulfill our dual goals of maximizing shareholder value and continuing our mission to serve urban communities."

Family Savings Bank is a thrift institution in Los Angeles with over \$208 million in assets.

## Business Briefs

### VERIZON AWARDS FIRST HARLEM WEEK SCHOLARSHIP

**NEW YORK** — Verizon presented the first of five \$1,000 student scholarships last week. The remaining four scholarship recipients will be announced during the Harlem Week activities now through August. Verizon, a Harlem Week sponsor, has invited the public to visit their Education and Technology Center during the celebration. For more information on Harlem Week activities, go to their website at: [www.wnbc.com/harlemweek](http://www.wnbc.com/harlemweek).

### POLL SHOWS MORE POST SEPT. 11 FLEXTIME REQUESTS

**NEW YORK** — A recent poll of H.R. professionals by DBM, a global consultant, shows a 66 percent increase in request for flextime requests during the last 12 months. The three top reasons stated for the requests were for general work/life balance issues, working mothers wanting to spend more time with their children, and the September 11 effect. The H.R. professionals said that morale has been more of a challenge in the past year.

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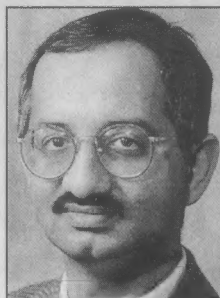
## JFK physician's brain cancer research nationally recognized

EDISON — Subramanian Hariharan, M.D., director of neuro-oncology at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center recently co-authored an article that was published in the journal "Cancer."

The article describes a multi-center study, the Glioma Outcome Project (GO Project), involving more than 700 patients with malignant brain cancers. Data from the patients enrolled in GO were evaluated to determine the frequency of clinical trial participation and the variables that may have contributed to their participation. Clinical trials provide researchers with data on new cancer treatments and offer patients potentially beneficial therapy.

"Many patients with brain tumors are unaware of treatment options, as well as resources and clinical trials," said Dr. Hariharan. "This large study addressed some of these issues and advocates enrollment among patients."

The New Jersey Neuroscience Institute is currently conducting 5 clinical trials for various types of brain



Subramanian Hariharan M.D.

tumors. The New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center is a comprehensive facility designed exclusively for the diagnosis, treatment and research of complex neurological disorders in adults and children. Services offered at the Institute include programs in spine and brain tumors, dizziness and balance disorders, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, stroke and movement disorders and a comprehensive sleep disorder clinic and laboratory. For more information on the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute, please call (732) 321-7950 or visit [www.njneuro.org](http://www.njneuro.org).

### Health & science:

## Long-term estrogen use linked to increased ovarian cancer risk

CHICAGO — Women who use estrogen hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for a long period of time have an increased risk of developing ovarian cancer, according to a study published in the July 17 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). James V. Lacey Jr., Ph.D., and colleagues from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Bethesda, Md., conducted a follow-up study of 44,241 former participants in the Breast Cancer Detection Demonstration Project (BCDDP), a mammography screening program conducted between 1973 to 1980. The women in the NCI study were all postmenopausal and had an average age of 56.6 years at the beginning of follow-up. Some had undergone hysterectomy, but all had at least one ovary. According to background information in the article, most previous studies, have found no association between HRT and ovarian cancer, but these studies examined a small sample of patients, collected incomplete information

about ovarian cancer risk factors, or did not distinguish between estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) and estrogen progestin replacement therapy (EPRT). Between 1979 and 1998, the authors interviewed participants about the type of hormones used (ERT or EPRT), age at first use of hormones, duration of hormone use, form of hormone administration and other possible ovarian cancer risk factors. The researchers asked participants whether they had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and then reviewed medical records, death certificates, and state cancer registry data to confirm those diagnoses. Among the 44,241 women who accounted for 589,213 person-years of follow-up, 329 women developed ovarian cancer. The risk of ovarian cancer was increased with ERT use among women with and without hysterectomy, and risk increased proportionately with longer duration of hormone use. Women who used ERT only had a 60 percent greater risk of developing ovarian cancer than

women who have never used HRT, whereas women who used ERT for 20 or more years were approximately three times more likely to develop ovarian cancer (although only 16 ovarian cancers occurred in this group). However, women who used an estrogen progestin combination did not appear to have a significantly increased risk of developing ovarian cancer. The authors conclude that while this study and other recent reports point to an association between long-term ERT use and ovarian cancer, more research is needed to gauge the risks of EPRT. "Although earlier studies seemed to indicate that there was no association with ERT, this recent emergence of an increased risk in long-term users should remind investigators that it would be premature to conclude that EPRT has no association with ovarian cancer until other large studies specifically assess ovarian cancer risk among persons with short-term or long-term EPRT use."



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### CHILDHOOD VACCINE SUPPLY RENEWED

There should soon be an adequate supply of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine and the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis vaccine to allow physicians to resume routine vaccinations for their young patients, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Both vaccines had been in short supply for about two years, and the CDC had recommended that physicians defer certain doses of each to ensure there would be enough vaccine to administer at least some of the doses.

Now with supplies of both vaccines building, physicians should be able to recall patients for a second dose of MMR vaccine, which is administered at ages 4 to 6, and for doses four and five of the DTaP vaccine.

### COLORECTAL TESTING URGED FOR SENIORS

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has recommended that all adults older than age 50 be

screened for colorectal cancer. However, the influential panel did not recommend that physicians use any one particular screening test.

Instead the task force recommended that patients and their physicians discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using either the fecal occult blood test, the flexible sigmoidoscopy or the colonoscopy.

The fecal occult blood test and the sigmoidoscopy have been shown to reduce death from colorectal cancer, said the task force, and, while the panel also recommended the more costly colonoscopy, it said that the evidence that it also reduces death from colorectal cancer was indirect. Colorectal cancer will kill about 57,000 Americans this year.

### BETH ISRAEL GETS NEW RADIATION THERAPY

Doctors at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, are the first in New Jersey to introduce a new partial breast irradiation

method intended to shorten radiation therapy time for some women with breast cancer.

MammoSite® technology, approved by the FDA in May 2001, is only offered at a small number of facilities in the nation.

It most closely resembles conventional brachytherapy, a form of radiation therapy that places a radioactive source within the tumor tissue to provide a high dose of radiation directly to the tumor tissue and minimize radiation exposure to surrounding healthy tissue.

The technology has the potential to help two sets of patients. A select number of older women with stage I cancer (that has not spread beyond the breast) and a small tumor may fulfill criteria to receive a lumpectomy followed by one to two weeks of radiation therapy administered through the MammoSite®.

For a wider range of other patients, including younger women, the technology may be used instead to administer what radiation oncologists call "a boost."



## James promises services, lauds "dream team", chastises critics

NEWARK — Sharpe James says goals during his "final four" years as mayor of the City of Newark to improve the effectiveness efficiency and responsiveness of Newark's service delivery systems, and he believes his seven member "Dream Team" will help him succeed newly appointed he has appointed the team to improve the quality of life for the residents of the state's largest city.

"Being mayor is not about being popular," James told a large audience of city employees, their families and friends during the recent swearing in ceremony in the City Hall rotunda late last month, "people want services for their tax dollars."

Improved city services is emerging as one of James's themes as he begins an unprecedented fifth term as the mayor of New Jersey's largest state. During his inaugural address in July, James said "every telephone call should be answered and every letter responded to. We, the administration must never forget that we work for the taxpayers of Newark. You are our bosses."

Another of James' themes is safety, especially in light of more than a dozen murders in the city.

"No issue is of greater importance in the City of

Newark than to ensure the safety of those who live, work and visit our city," James said mindful of the importance of maintaining the growing perception that Newark is controlling crime.

James noted with pride that the former Police Director Joseph Santiago, selected by Governor McGreevey to lead the state police organization, is

*"We don't make decisions based on color, we make decisions based on qualifications. We don't make decisions based on ethnicity, we make decisions based on experience."*

among along line for Newark law enforcement officers who were tapped for larger positions (Santiago has been credited with reducing crime in Newark by more than 50 percent).

"Members of the FBI, prosecutors office, county and state police all came from Newark," James said as he introduced new Police Director Robert Rankin.

James said he selected Niathan Allen as the director of the Department of Economic Development and Housing because he wants to concentrate on developing the inner city and downtown simultaneously at this point.

One of the frequent, although inaccurate complaints during the election was that James was focusing only on rebuilding the business district. Actually Newark leads the rest of the state in overall new housing construction, including Hope 6, Fannie Mae's At Home in Newark, and other public and private projects.

In contrast to the perception many have of him, James told the audience that Catherine e Cuomo-Cecere, director of the Department of Health and Human Services, convinced him not to replace her with a medical doctor.

"The mayor is not always right," James said publicly. Cuomo-Cecere is charged with focusing on preventive health and children's health in particular during the next four years.

James also used the occasion to address reports that three members of the Newark City Council — Augusto Amador, Luis Quintana and Hector Corchado had complained that Latinos and Portuguese were absent from

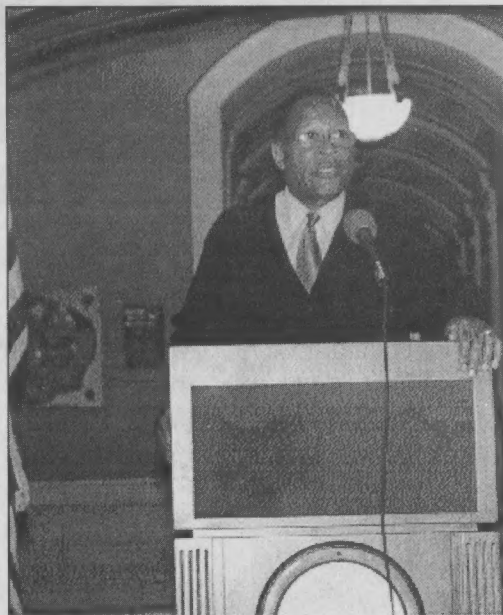


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Sharpe James during new administration's swearing in ceremony

his department head choices.

"At no time have any names, recommendations, calls, letters, referrals or anything been given to me, and we have stood next to each other 24 hours a day," James said regarding the three absent council members. The mayor said he received a request to hire Louis Lopez, who is now a member of his staff. Naming each of the councilmen, James said he personally helped mentor their political careers.

"We don't make decisions based on color, we make decision based on qualifications," James said. "We don't make decisions based on ethnicity, we make decisions based on experience," James said adding that some people in Newark could not accept that "the election is over and your candidate lost." James repeated that statement three times as many members of the audience turned to each other in mock surprise, laughed and applauded.

## U.S. Youth Games highlight Newark

By Tashiodra S. Winston  
City News Intern

*Games open in Newark with a downtown parade, ceremony and Olympic hopes*

NEWARK — The "destination city of the century" as described by Mayor Shape James, welcomed the U.S. Youth Games to Newark last week.

An ethnic multitude more than 1,300 youth, coaches and parents filled several local recreational venues for the event which began Wednesday and ended with a closing ceremony at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Friday.

This nationwide competition, will test the skills, the dedication and the talents of athletes in the 12 to 15-year-old age group who hope to become the next Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan, Williams sisters, or Michael Johnson "the famous gold shoe runner".

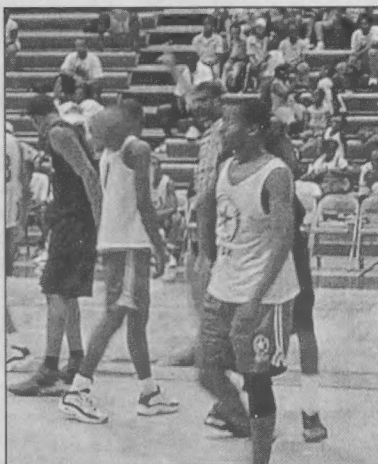
Newark rolled out a long, plush red carpet for the local participants and visitors who came from California to South

Carolina to compete in the 35th U.S. Youth Games.

James, proud for every opportunity to showcase Newark complimented the youngsters for "bringing with them the spirit of competition and friendship that will make this year's games the best ever." The games, which cost Newark nearly \$460K included a performance by Mario, a young singer, and was planned more than a year in advance. James said he hopes Newark will become the national model for the inner city youth competition.

Police sirens blared as the arriving youngsters were escorted. Like dignitaries through rush hour traffic before being an Olympic styled parade took place down Broad Street to Symphony Hall.

"This would put Newark back on the map, and it would create a positive outlook for



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Baltimore takes on Boston at US Youth Games

some of our youth in Newark, as this being an extraordinary event," said Jay Silver — a Newark resident and parent of a youth participating in the swimming competition for the Newark team said

The athletes and their parents were housed at sites

around the city, including the NJIT, Rutgers University, Comfort Suites, the Gateway Hilton and the Robert Treat Hotel in an Olympic Village model.

The youngsters will participate in bowling, swimming, golf, flag football, chess, academic bowl and six other events that will take place at seven area locations including Rutgers, Essex County College, Weequahic Park and a bowling alley in Belleville.

"It's great, and I hope it grows bigger" said Russell Brown, a chess coach for the Chess Newark team.

"As I made my way through the loud, yet roaring excitement of the young crowd, it made me glad to see such a turn out for this special occasion. It ranged from little cheerleaders to tall football players, wearing different color shirts. It looked like a beautiful rainbow."

At the open ceremony the question that local residents and visitors answered most freely was: What do you think the Youth Games will do for the City of Newark, and were will we go from here?

"This event is great and it make Newark look inviting," Suzette Tapp, wife of Wade Tapp (director of athletics at the JFK Recreation Center on 211 West Kinney street) said. "For some who think that is a bad place, it really isn't. Good things do happen in Newark, such as this event."

Antonio Padilla, the swimming instructor and aquatic supervisor for the Newark swimming team agreed, "It is a good showing and it will race the bar for other towns and other cities and the U.S youth games. The best is yet to come."

"This is wonderful. But you know I have to root for Newark, it's my hometown," said school board president Marion Bolden.

While some athletes departed with medals, they all have memories of four exciting, challenging days in Newark.

# Next stop: A tour of Newark

Channel thirteen will feature a program entitled *A Walk Through Newark* with David Hartman and historian Barry Lewis on Monday August 12.

The program will capture the history,

***A Walk Through Newark: with David Hartman and Barry Lewis***

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city's glorious past and dynamic present.

Founded by the Puritans in 1666, Newark is the third oldest city in the country.

Branch Brook Park was the first county park for public use in the United States. Today there are more cherry trees in Branch Brook Park than in the famed Washington, D.C. display.

The First Ward once boasted a "restaurant row" to rival Little Italy's, clubs featuring all the big band legends, and burlesque houses where the likes of Gypsy Rose Lee danced. Among those who frequented its nightspots: Joe DiMaggio, Marlene Dietrich, Al Capone, Abbott and Costello, Enrico Caruso, and Billie Holiday.

America the Beautiful was composed in Newark.

In their first tour outside New York, Hartman and Lewis discover the fascinating people and places of Newark with an impressive past and a promising

future.

Hartman and Lewis begin with a discussion of the early history of Newark, founded in 1666 by Puritans who migrated from Connecticut. They talk with Dr. M. William Howard, Jr., Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, the oldest African American Baptist Church in Newark, established in 1871. They explore Military Park, the town common and a training ground for the militia in Colonial times, and Branch Brook Park, the first public-use county park in the United States.

Other historic highlights of *A Walk Through Newark* include the elegant Forest Hills section, the Old First Ward and Weequahic.

As the film shows, the Newark of today is a city in transition. Business and career opportunities are growing, and art and culture abound.

Along the way, locals from Mayor Sharpe James to the long-time owner of a Jewish-style deli discuss living and working in Newark.

The program marks the seventh installment of Thirteen's popular *Walking Tour* series. Launched in 1998.

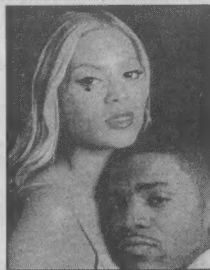
## The Small Screen

### CARMEN: A HIP HUPERA

Grammy Award winning recording artist Beyonce Knowles stars in *Carmen: A Hip Hopera* her first film role. Knowles, who costars in New Line Cinema's *Austin Powers in Goldmember*, leads the cast in this updated version of Bizet's opera.

A contemporary, urban retelling of the classic opera *Carmen*, this "hip hopera" follows the tragic life of Sgt. Derrick Hill (Mekhi Phifer, TV's "ER", Shaft, O) whose world is turned upside down when the irresistible Carmen Brown (Beyonce Knowles) enters his local bar. Through song, the starstudded cast tells the tale of their passionate romance and tragic demise.

The cast, featuring a mix of actors and hip hop



artists includes not only Knowles and Phifer, but also Mos Def (Monster's Ball, Showtime), Rah Digga (Thirteen Ghosts), Da Brat (Glitter), Jermaine Dupri (In Too Deep) and Lil Bow Wow (All About the Benjamins) and Wyclef Jean. The film also features Troy Winbush (John Q., The Replacements), Casey Lee (True Crime) and Fred Williamson (From Dusk Till Dawn).

The DVD will include the widescreen and full screen version of the film and stereo surround sound.

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the past and present Newark and citizens of Newark.

Most people are aware that Newark is undergoing a renaissance these days, but how much does the general public not to mention those who live and work there really know about the

## It's all about Jaguar Wright

With the word getting around about this new "musthear, must-see" singer, Jaguar's album is a highly anticipated release. Jaguar is confident her debut will live up to her electrifying live performance. With songs that speak from her family's trials to capricious love affairs, Jaguar likens herself to a modern day Etta James.

Most of all Jaguar wants her album to affect people positively. "I hope it will change somebody's life or at least soothe or comfort somebody—which is why I wrote an album full of real songs about real situations," she says.

"The whole album is about my life situations that I have lived and seen," says Jag who duets with Bilal in an erotic getdown about a forbidden love affair on the ultra mellow "I Can't Wait," and with the help of Black Thought, puts a jealous exfriend in her place on "Ain't

Nobody Playin'." But it is on the empowering song, "Self Love, Self Preservation," that the message from lessons lived and learned truly comes through in the delivery of the powerful lyrics: "Love yourself, believe in yourself, be true to yourself, be you for yourself. Do you;" which she sings like they are the most important words she will ever belt out. All

of the songs on the album, aptly titled *Denials, Delusions, and Decisions*, speak to some issue or situation that has helped make Jaguar both the artist and woman that she is.

"It was important to me to have an album that was completely me, which is why I wrote and coarranged my whole album. Jaguar as an artist is the purest part of me. I

want to uplift people the way music has for me. I want people to put on my music and be touched by it." She has no doubts about where the real credit for her talent is due. "I honestly believe that God gave me this voice and right now I'm just warming up." As an artist to look out for, Jaguar is poised to ignite today's musical landscape.



Jaguar Wright

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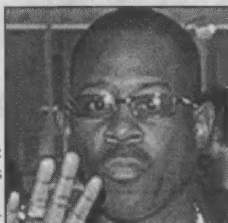
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## ■ Martin Lawrence

### A Chat with the Controversial Comic about his Latest 'Live in Concert' Movie

Interview with Kam Williams



I first noticed Martin Lawrence in Kid n' Play's House Party (1990) and House Party 2 (1991), where he stole his every scene as the bubbly Bilal.

And after a string of hits in Bad Boys (1995), Nothing to Lose (1997), Life (1999), Blue Streak (1999) and Big Momma's House (2000), he will now enjoy a \$20 million per picture quote for his upcoming adventures like Bad Boys 2, National Security and Blue Streak 2.

No stranger to the tabloids, Mr. Lawrence has had his share of lurid headline: allegedly carrying a loaded gun into an airport, punching another patron at a nightclub, for collapsing into a coma while jogging on a searing, hot summer day, and after being banned for life from Saturday Night Live for going too far in an off-color skit, allegedly.

The ever-embroidered comedian gives himself an opportunity for equal time in

Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat, his new, no-holds-barred concert movie.

This auto-expose' features documentary-style footage of Martin fessin' up and explaining what really went down during all of his infamous escapades. In addition to some very personal reflections, Martin serves up some stinging social commentary on a litany of subjects from smoking to relationships.

Recently, I spoke with the passionate, irrepressible star about just what it's like being Martin Lawrence.

KW: Don't you find your brand of stand-up very physically exhausting?

ML: "No, I love to sweat and I play a lot of basketball, so I've always been very animated when I performed. It's always been fun because it brings out the kid in me."

KW: What comedians influenced you?

ML: "Well, I've always loved people who could do

physical comedy, like Lucille Ball, Jackie Gleason and Richard Pryor. What I like about this brand of comedy is that you can laugh just through body expression. You don't necessarily have to get the joke."

KW: How do you feel about yourself right now?

ML: "I feel wonderful. I feel great. I am blessed. I can truthfully and honestly tell you that I really feel good, because I realize, hey, I'm a human being. I could walk out that door and something could happen. I'm just trying to be a good example to me and mine. And that's all I can do."

KW: Whom did you turn to for support when you were most down?

ML: "My God. There isn't anybody else to give props to but my God and my family."

## Kam's Kapsules:

For movies opening July 26, 2002

Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

by Kam Williams

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**Blood Work** (R for violence and profanity) stars Clint Eastwood as a retired heart transplant recipient who returns to the FBI to track down the serial killer that murdered the woman who donated his new organ.



**Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG for action sequences and crude humor) Add another pair of pint-sized sleuths for an action adventure in which they answer the urgent SOS of adult spies and save the world from an evil scientist played by Steve Buscemi.



**XXX** (PG-13 for non-stop, cartoon physics violence, sensuality, drug use and a few epithets) stars Vin Diesel as an extreme-sports performance artist recruited by CIA chief Samuel L. Jackson to infiltrate a ring of Russian terrorists about to unleash germ weapons of mass destruction on the freer



## E Briefs Entertainment News

### Pilot in Aaliyah death crash had traces of drugs

According to American press reports, Luis Morales, the pilot manning the plane that crashed killing singer and actress Aaliyah, had traces of alcohol and cocaine in his system. As previously reported, Morales pleaded no contest to cocaine possession in a Miami court on August 13, 2001 a matter of weeks before the crash that killed the R&B star and members of her entourage. In the aftermath of the tragedy that happened in the Bahamas on August 25, there were also claims the aircraft was overloaded. The exact cause of the crash is currently unconfirmed.

### P Diddy launches reality TV show

MTV has teamed up with P Diddy to launch a 'Making The Band' style reality TV show which will concentrate on the creation of a Hip-Hop/R&B group led by the Bad Boy Entertainment mogul himself. The show will chronicle the working process of P Diddy's Bad Boy Entertainment team and the behind-the-scenes work involved in putting together a commercial Hip-Hop/R&B act.

### Former members of Destiny Child settles lawsuit

The legal wrangling between former and current members of R&B group Destiny's Child is over. There's been a settlement of various lawsuits, although no details were released. It all began when LeToya Luckett and LaTavia Roberson were kicked out of the group in 2000. The two bounced singers later sued lead singer Beyonce Knowles, her father and the group's manager Mathew Knowles, original member Kelly Rowland and Sony Music. The suits claimed breach of contract, defamation, libel and fraud.

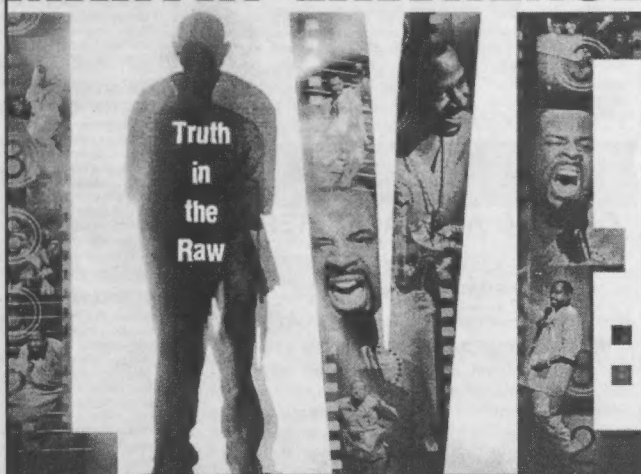
### It's not yet over for R Kelly

R Kelly faces yet another legal nightmare after it emerged that the R&B star is being sued by a private investigator for \$75,000. The suit, filed at Jackson County Circuit Court last week, claims Kelly agreed to pay Freeman \$100,000, plus up to \$40,000, in return for a stolen videotape, which contained a "performance". However, Freeman claims he has only received \$65,000 from Kelly for getting the tape and fulfilling numerous other aspects of the contract.

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# Calendar

## Community

### FRIDAYS, THROUGH LABOR DAY

Jersey City — Liberty Science Center will offer Family Friendly Days from 9:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more info call 201-200-1000.

Garden State Baseball League is running a fall basketball league for players age 12 and unlimited. For more info call 732-382-4610.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Homdel — Monmouth County Park system will host "The Wild Way Friday Night Program" from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Homdel Park Activity Center. For more info call 732-842-4000.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Locust — Monmouth County Park system will host "In the Heat of the Night" nature program from 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Huber Woods Environmental Center. For more info call 732-842-4000.

Washington, D.C. — Buses will leave NJ for the Millions for Reparations Rally. For info call the People's Organization for Progress, 973-801-0001; Black United Fund at 201-920-0653.

### SAT, AUG 25, SUN, AUG 25

New York — H&M clothing store will host a project Kidcare event from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more info call Whitney Termaine at 212-645-6900.

Dover — Housing Partnership for Morris County will host a rental education workshop from 5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at 2E Blackwell St. For more info call 973-659-9222.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rahway — The Rahway Center Partnership (RCP) will present its second annual Baby Day Parade and Children's Wellness Day from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more info call 732-396-3545.

## Business

### THURS, AUG 8, 22, SEPT 22

Newark — Small Business Administration is offering free seminar to help small businesses gain access to federal government contracting opportunities from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-645-4651.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

Camden — Small Business Administration is offering free

seminar to help small businesses gain access to federal government contracting opportunities from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-645-4651.

New York — Professional Women in Construction presents a grand networking exhibit entitled "Meet the Architects" at La Maganette Ristorante from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more info call 212-486-7745.

### WED, THROUGH AUG 16

Newark — Ironbound Business Improvement District presents Sounds of Ironbound from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info call 973-491-9191.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Oceanport — The Human and Civil Rights Association of New Jersey will host the "Affirmative Action - Is It A Public Policy?" training workshop from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more info call 201-460-4210.

### TUESDAY, SEPT 17, 19

Cranford — Union County College will teach a Microsoft Windows 2002 course, part 1 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPT 24, 26, 28

Cranford — Union County College will teach a Microsoft Windows 2002 course, part 2 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

## Heartbeat

### ONGOING

East Orange — The Blood Center of NJ is accepting blood donations. For more info call 1-800-433-6522.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Piscataway — Lupus Foundation of America will host a 3.2M "Walk-Along for Lupus" event will take place at Johnson Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. For more info call 1-800-322-5816.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Clifton — Clara Maass Auxiliary hosts a fashion show at the Valley Regency at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 973-450-2150.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Saddle Brook — Lupus Foundation of America will host a 3.2M "Walk A-long for Lupus" event at Saddle River Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. For info call 1-800-322-5816.

## Artz

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Newark — The Newark Museum will host Jazz in the Garden starring guitarist Rodney Jones' Trio from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

New York — New York Underground, gallery opens from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., RSVP at the-source.com. For more info call 212-253-3700 ext 1726.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Newark — The New Community Arts Program will host the Priority Jazz series featuring Houston Person from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. For more info call 973-639-7848.

New York — Camp Broadway returns with guest artists from Oklahoma! Thoroughly Modern Millie, etc as they share their special skills with 150 kids from 28 states and 6 foreign countries. For more info call 212-354-4660.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Newark — The African Globe Theatre will present Gifted and Black at 3:00 p.m. For more info call 973-624-1584.

Newark — The New Community Arts Program will host Caribbean Rhythms: Random Test, Reggae from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. For more info call 973-639-7848.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

New Brunswick — Soukous Night with Kanda Bongo Man coming to Makeda's. For tickets call 732-545-5115.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 17-23

Newark — African Globe Performing Arts Organization, summer works 2002 productions presents "Salvation" the musical. Hosted at the Newark Symphony Hall, for more info call 973-624-1584.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Newark — House of Poetry presented by the African Globe Studio. Admission \$5, show starts 5:00 p.m., party from 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. For more info call 973-624-1584.

Pittstown — The 4th annual "Musconetcong River Blues Festival", begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Alexandria Field Airport. There is a \$500.00 performance fee for this event. For more info call 973-340-7672.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Newark — The 2nd annual American crafts festival will be held at NJPAC from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more information call 973-353-8051.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - 29

Madison — New Jersey Shakespeare festival 40th anniversary season: The Grand Magic. A love/hate feud transcending, discover the secrets locked in the heart of a man. Tickets are \$22 to \$50, for more info call 973-408-3278.

### SATURDAY, SEPT 7, 8, 14 - 15

New York — 17th annual Autumn Crafts Festival at the Lincoln Center for the performing arts. Admission is free, for more info call 973-746-009.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - 29

Newark — African Globe Theater works present "Driving Miss Daisy". A warm hearted, gently humorous and truly affecting portrayal of the unlikely relationship between and aged southern lady and proud black man. For more info call 973-624-1584.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Plainfield — The Latin American Coalition Festival Committee will stage its 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival from 10:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more info call 908-753-7155.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Newark — NJPAC presents Peru to Portugal: A Voyage with Voices at 7:00 p.m. This program is part of the World Festival VI. For more info call 1-888-466-5722.

### THURSDAY, SEPT 19 - 22

Stanhope — The 9th biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry festival will be held at the historic Waterloo Village, for more info call 973-540-8443.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newark — Music lab every Friday, live bands and unsigned talent. Wanted singers, musicians, lyricists, storytellers, song writers, producers, bands & poets. For more info call 973-624-1584.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

New Brunswick — Debut management presents a "Gospel Showcase" at the Crossroad Theater. Record labels will be scouting new talent. For auditions or more info call 908-851-0840.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 5

Newark — Newark Symphony Hall will present "A Woman's Revenge" at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. For more info call 973-643-8009.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Newark — NJPAC presents Quasar, an innovative Brazilian dance company at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 1-888-466-5722.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Morristown — The Community Theatre will commence its 2002-2003 season at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-539-0345.

Morristown — The Community Theatre presents Burt Bacharach at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-539-8008.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Morristown — The Community Theatre presents Venice Baroque Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-539-8008.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Morristown — The community Theatre presents Dracula or how's your blood, count? at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-539-8008.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Newark — NJPAC presents Savion Glover in "Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk" at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

## Religion

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Piscataway — Zion Hill Missionary Baptist church is sponsoring a "Praise in the Park" street outreach from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Boyd Park. For more info call 732-463-7776.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Newark — St. James AME Church presents "Soul Men Cooking for Christ", at 588 MLK Blvd., at 2:00 p.m. For more info call Shirley Bergman-Keyes at 973-429-0664.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Newark — Mount Pleasant Missionary Church will host a general meeting at 5:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

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## Task force to review three NJ electric companies balances

*Group to examine nearly \$1 billion in deferred utility balances*

TRENTON — Governor James E. McGreevey recently signed an Executive Order creating the Deferred Balances Task Force, which will be charged with examining why three out of four electric utilities have incurred a total of nearly \$1 billion in deferred balances.

The Task Force will consist of 8 members, who will be charged with issuing a report on the deferred balances before the Legislature reconvenes in September. Specifically, the Task Force will focus on determining how the deferred balances were accrued; what steps utilities took to mitigate costs; and what are the merits of securitization.

"The goal of this Executive Order is to ensure that New Jersey consumers are treated fairly," said McGreevey. "The Deferred Balances Task Force will be charged with examining why three out of four utility companies have amassed nearly \$1 billion in deferred balances."

Passed three years ago, New Jersey's energy deregulation law (EDECA) mandated reductions of

between 11 percent and 15 percent in electricity rates, capped these rates for four years, and required utilities to divest their generation capacity. Rate reductions were premised on anticipated savings from competition in the electric generation market place. In the event that the cost of electricity exceeded the capped rates, utilities would be entitled to recover the difference, which is known as a deferred balance. Utilities will file for rate increases by August 30, 2002, to begin recovering the balances when the rate caps expire in August 2003.

Since EDECA became law, three utility companies JCP&L, Conectiv and Rockland Electric have amassed a total of approximately \$1 billion in deferred balances.

Currently, legislation is pending the Governor's approval, Senate Bill 869, which grants the Board of Public Utilities the authority to allow utility companies to securitize deferred balances.

"It is vital that New Jersey residents have confidence in energy providers, and it is vital that energy providers are accountable to their ratepayers," said McGreevey. "I will await the Task Force's report before taking any action on Senate Bill 869."

## Local Briefs

### Irvington boil water advisory lifted

The boil water advisory is no longer in effect for the Township of Irvington, Mayor Wayne Smith announced recently, following a notice from the New Jersey American Water Company. According to the water supplier, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection has confirmed that water samples taken over a 48-hour period have tested negative for contamination.

### Freeholders reopen Milton Avenue bridge with ribbon cutting

Union County will reopen the Milton Avenue Bridge, which spans the Rahway River in the City of Rahway. The bridge has been closed for about 18 months. Officials from the city and county will cut the ribbon on this vital span and open it to the public on Monday, August 5, 2002.

On the west side of the Milton Avenue Bridge in Rahway, NJ The bridge, which was originally built in 1916, connects the city of Rahway with Routes One and Nine.

### Governor McGreevey comments on NYC trash plan

TRENTON — The following is a statement by Governor James E. McGreevey regarding New York City's trash plan. New Jersey will work constructively with Mayor

Bloomberg and the City of New York to provide for a workable design to address waste disposal requirements. The Mayor's decision provides an opportunity for Port Elizabeth / Port Newark to increase capacity as a prospective center of operations.

"Mayor Bloomberg has consistently provided strong, clear leadership for New York City and the region; as Governor, I am committed toward ensuring successful implementation of the plan outlined by the Mayor in an expeditious manner."

### Plainfield Safe Haven awarded \$29,065 grant

Plainfield — The New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety/Juvenile Justice Commission awarded a \$29,065 grant to Plainfield Safe Haven to create a Summer Jobs Program for Youth. Plainfield Safe Haven provides a variety of academic enrichment, recreational and personal development programs and services to the youth and families of Plainfield. Currently the program receives Title V funding through the state Juvenile Justice Commission as well as Juvenile Mentoring (JUMP) funding via Union County. The City of Plainfield and Plainfield Public Schools also provide cash and in-kind support services for the programs.